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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Michael
4 Frank Chornak of Marion, who passed away on August 2, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael Chornak was born in Mount Vernon on August
6 19, 1958 to Frank and Mollie (nee Hogg) Chornak; he graduated
7 from Marion High School in 1976, where he was a well-known pole
8 vaulter; he received his degree in education, and later, his
9 master's in administration from Southern Illinois University
10 Carbondale; he married Kellie Winemiller; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael Chornak started his career teaching and
12 coaching in Carterville; he then joined Marion High School as a
13 health instructor and coach; he became the Marion athletic
14 director in 1995; and

15 WHEREAS, Michael Chornak was a member of Second Baptist
16 Church in Marion and also enjoyed attending First Baptist
17 Church in Marion; his other memberships included the Southern
18 Illinois Coaches Association and the Illinois Athletic
19 Directors Association; he was elected the 2012-2013 Class 3A
20 and 4A Division Athletic Director of the Year; he was a board
21 member for the Marion Country Club and a member of the
22 Fellowship of Christian Athletes; he started and sponsored the

1 first bass fishing team at Marion High School; and

2 WHEREAS, Michael Chornak was an avid hunter and fisherman
3 in his free time; he loved fishing in all of the lakes in
4 Southern Illinois, but especially enjoyed traveling to Canada
5 and Alabama to fish; he also enjoyed hunting deer at Wade
6 Hudgens' farm and goose hunting at Pike's Hunting Club; he
7 loved his friends and family and all of the fun they had
8 camping, cooking out, going to St. Louis Cardinal baseball
9 games and Holiday World, and just "hanging out"; and

10 WHEREAS, Michael Chornak was preceded in death by his
11 parents, and aunts and uncles; and

12 WHEREAS, Michael Chornak is survived by his son, Collin;
13 his daughter, Sydney; his sister, Kathy Dallas and her husband,
14 Mark; his niece, Marcy Dallas; his nephew, Brax Dallas; his
15 aunt, Clarebel Gray; and many cousins; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 mourn the passing of Michael Frank Chornak, and extend our
19 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
20 and loved him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Michael Chornak as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.